

Immigration Services Funding

FACT SHEET

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The Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) §13302-§13306 authorizes the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to award funding to qualified nonprofit organizations to provide services to immigrants who reside, or have formally resided, in the state of California. The Budget Act authorized \$15 million for immigration services for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16, \$30 million for FY 2016-17, and \$45 million for FY 2017-18.

Nonprofit organizations are awarded funding to provide nonprofit organizations to provide services to immigrants residing in, or formerly residing in, the state of California. Contractors will provide services under one or more of the following six (6) service categories:

- APPLICATION ASSISTANCE - DACA – Services to assist applicants seeking Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), or other immigration remedies.
- APPLICATION ASSISTANCE - OIR – Services to assist applicants seeking Other Immigration Remedies (OIR).
- APPLICATION ASSISTANCE - NATURALIZATION – Services to assist with the application process for naturalization and any appeals.
- LEGAL TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE – Services to provide educational and capacity building activities that will augment the competent provision of legal services to immigrants.
- EDUCATION AND OUTREACH – Providing free education and outreach information, services and materials about DACA, other immigration remedies, and naturalization.
- REMOVAL DEFENSE (FY 2017-18) – Services to assist individuals with removal defense.

FY 2016-17 Percent of Funding

DACA	8%
OIR	36%
Naturalization	34%
Consultations	0%
LT TA	3%
E&O	11%

- Immigration Services Funding (ISF) boosts needed support for immigrant communities, reduces barriers to access opportunities of citizenship and deferred action.
- The ISF delivers relief from deportation through DACA, naturalization, other immigration remedies, and removal defense.
- The ISF brings stability and security for the undocumented individuals in the community.

FY 16-17 Individuals Served and Activities Provided

DACA.....**6,070 Individuals**
 Naturalization.....**31,249 Individuals**
 Other Immigration Remedies.....**5,399 Individuals**
 Legal Consultations.....**2,337 Individuals**
 Legal Training and Technical Assistance.....**818 Activities**
 Education and Outreach.....**163,510 Individuals**

Immigrants come to our state with the hopes of building a positive future for themselves and their families. In California, that process starts with ensuring they are educated on and properly represented in the immigration process. – Will Lightbourne, CDSS Director



For more information, please visit <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Immigration/Immigration-Services-Funding> or send inquiries to ImmigrationServices@dss.ca.gov